

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

The present application is a 371 U.S. national phase of PCT/EP99/09759, filed December 3, 1999, which designated the U.S.

Delete the paragraph on line 2 of page 70 and insert the following new paragraph therefor:

V3 loop sequence data of HIV-1 patient isolates (PI) (wherein the first listed sequence is SEQ ID NO:13 and subsequent sequences are SEQ ID NOs:14-24).

Delete the paragraph spanning lines 4-6 of page 70 and insert the following new paragraph therefor:

Amino acid sequences of the NL4-3 V2 loop (SEQ ID NO: 25) and NL4-3 V3 loop (SEQ ID NO: 26). The regions which are preferably to be varied are underlined.

Delete the paragraph spanning lines 8-9 of page 70 and insert the following therefor:

Variation of the V3 loop (SEQ ID NO:27). Data from the Los Alamos database.

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the Sequence Listing filed March 11, 2002.